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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Demolition of Unsafe Buildings within the former Fort Wingate Elementary School Complex

The Division of Facilities Management and Construction (DFMC), Indian Affairs (IA) is proposing to demolish unsafe buildings within the former Fort Wingate Elementary school complex. The former Wingate Elementary School is a 15-acre complex composed of 42 vacant buildings in Fort Wingate NM, which is east of the former Fort Wingate Army Depot (Attachment 1).

DFMC is in the process of developing an environmental assessment analyzing impacts of demolishing unsafe buildings on natural and cultural resources and the human environment in accordance with the National Environmental Protection Act.

Proposed Action

Indian Affairs has a goal of reducing the number of unused or unsuitable school buildings within their inventory. Vacant and unsuitable school buildings remaining in the IA inventory divert needed funds from higher priority uses and pose safety issues. IA proposes to demolish up to 42 vacant buildings and all ancillary infrastructure and developments. DFMC would accomplish the proposed demolition in phases. Initial demolition (Phase I) includes eighteen (18) non-historic 1960s era buildings. Prior to demolition, abatement of hazardous materials will occur. Abatement of historic buildings (Phase II) will occur concurrently with Phase I. The remaining buildings could be demolished in the future. The proposed action includes no construction.

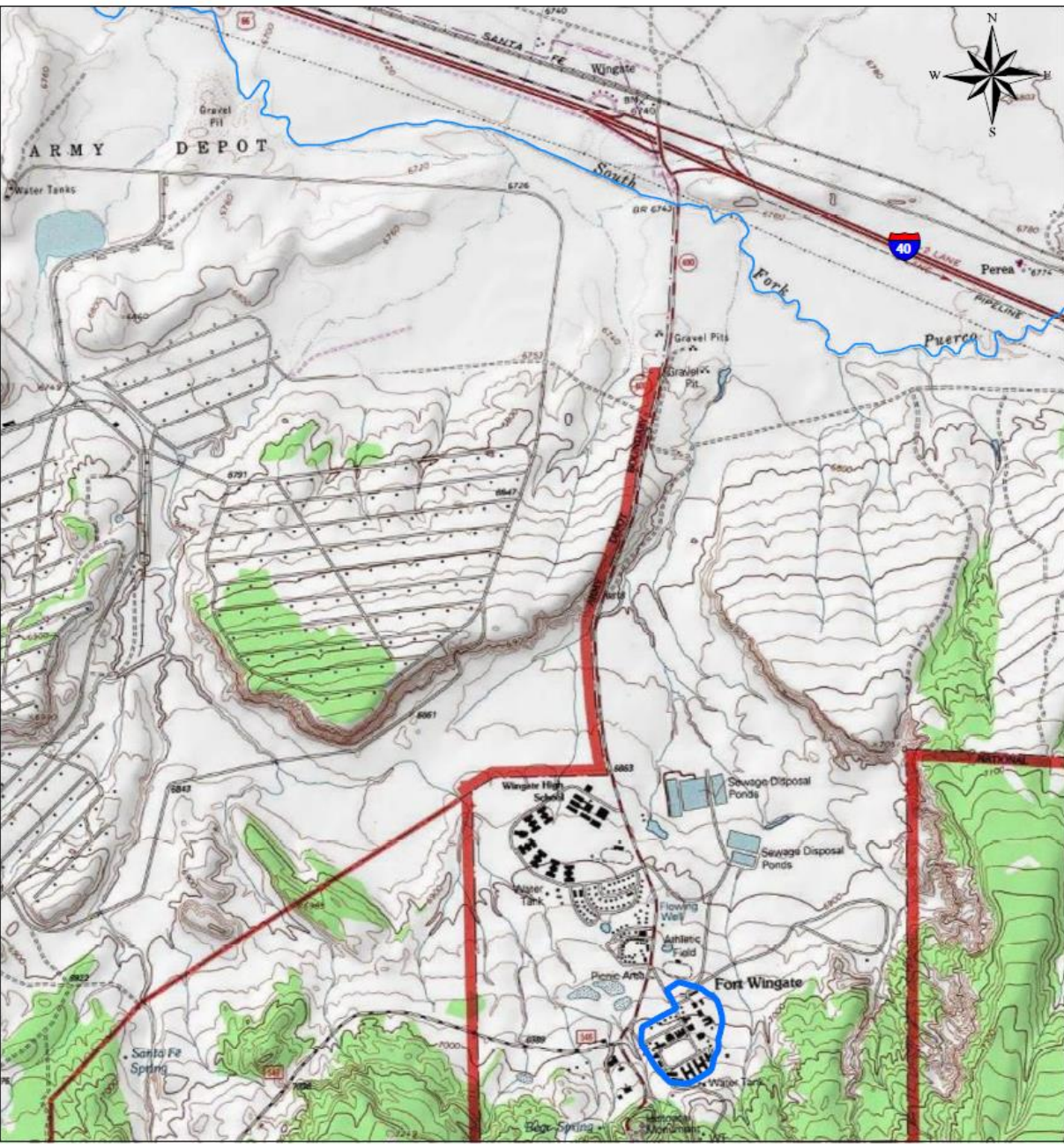
Prior to demolition of any structures, DFMC proposes to install a new waterline to ensure uninterrupted services to the churches and residents during and after the proposed demolition. The proposed water line starts at well house #7 and extend approximately 5,270 feet around the west side of the property to tie into an existing water line and existing water storage tank (Attachment 2).


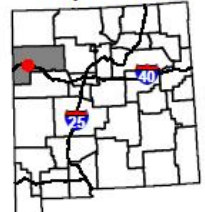
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Written comments on the proposed demolition may be sent to: Division of Facilities Management & Construction, Attention: Karl Chiwiwi, 1011 Indian School Road NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104; Fax: (505) 563-5106; Email: karl.chiwiwi@bia.gov.

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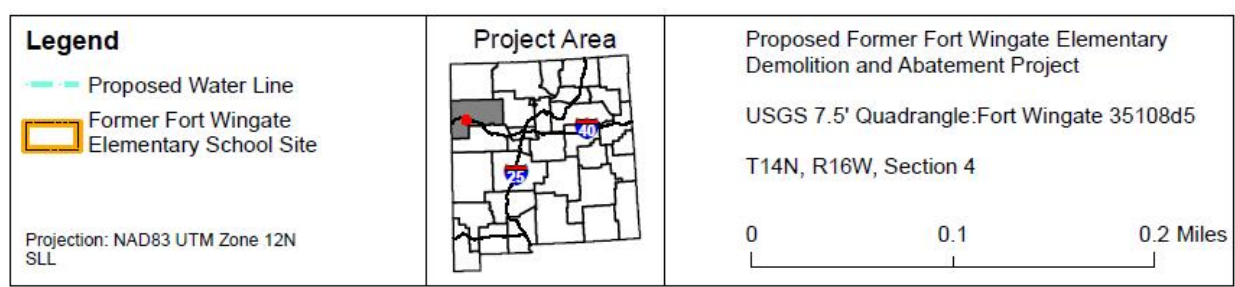
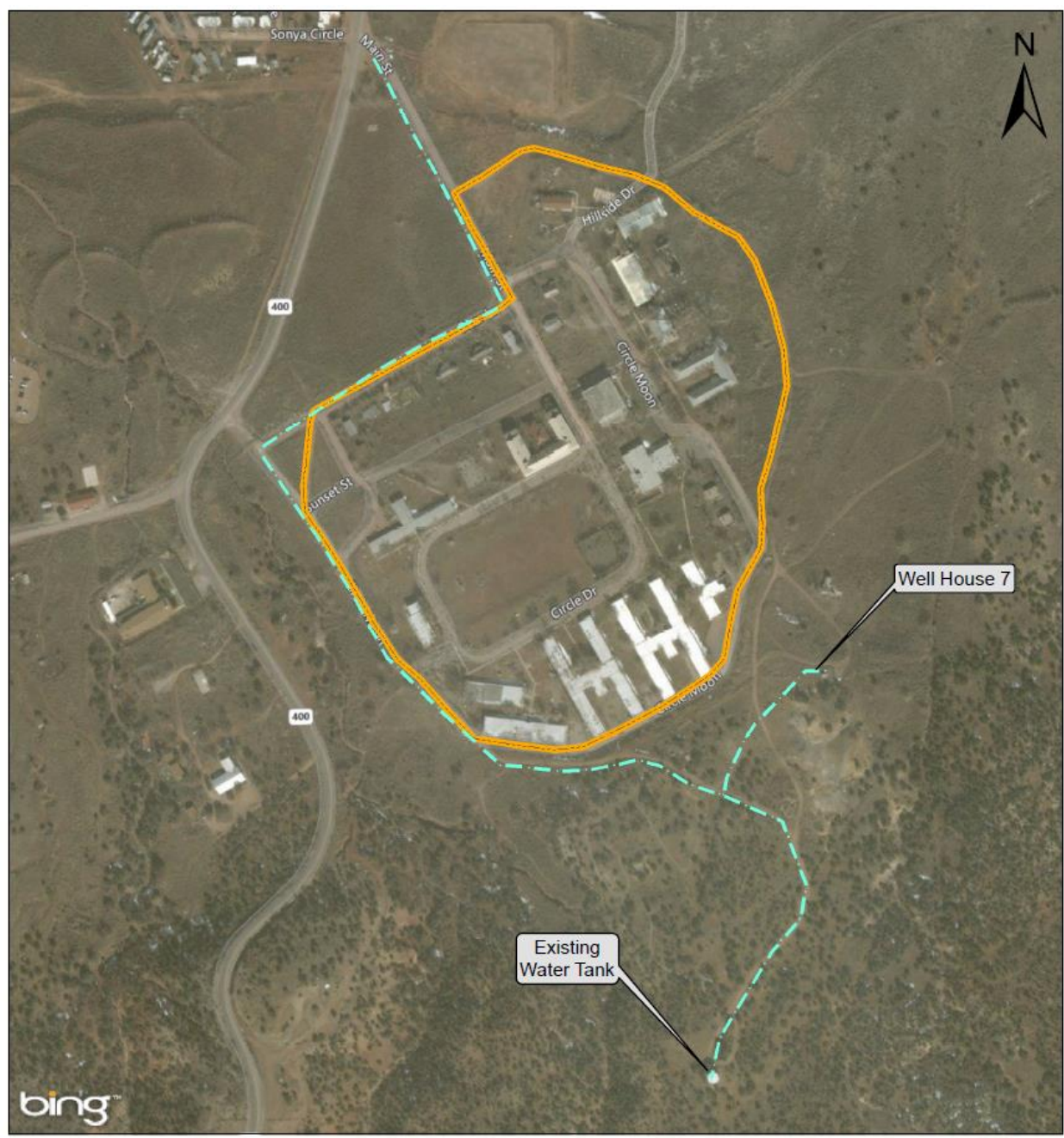
Attachment 1: Map of the Former Wingate Elementary School Complex



<p>Legend</p> <p> Former Fort Wingate Elementary School Site</p> <p>Projection: NAD83 UTM Zone 12N SLL</p>	<p>Project Area</p> 	<p>Proposed Former Fort Wingate Elementary Demolition and Abatement Project</p> <p>USGS 7.5' Quadrangle: Fort Wingate 35108d5</p> <p>T14N, R16W, Section 4</p> <p>0 0.5 1 Miles</p>
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Attachment 2: Map of the Proposed Water Line



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